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Protection Agency
Region IV
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal
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61 Forsyth Street, SW
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Re: Clean Air Act – Early Action Compacts

Dear Mr. Palmer:

This letter is to confirm that eight early action compacts have been forwarded under separate cover to Ms. Kay Prince of your staff. The early action compacts are for the following areas:

- Memphis Area
- Nashville Area
- Chattanooga Area
- Knoxville Area
- Tri-Cities Area
- Putnam County
- Lawrence County
- Haywood County

In preparing these documents, we worked closely with the four local air pollution control programs of Tennessee and the states of Georgia, Mississippi and Arkansas. I understand that the other states are forwarding their component of an early action plan for an MSA shared with Tennessee to you under separate cover.

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If your staff should have any questions, they should contact my deputy, Quincy Styke III or me at (615) 532-0554. We look forward to working with EPA in the next few months as we determine the scope of the air quality improvement plans for the above-listed areas. As the scope of those plans is developed, the signatories will make a determination to see if they wish to continue to remain in an early action compact.

Sincerely,

Barry R. Stephens, P. E.
Technical Secretary
Tennessee Air Pollution Control Board

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